(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) The Orissa Lift Irrigation Project is being implemented with the German Assistance of Deutsche Mark 55 Million under Agreement of 19th February, 1991. Upto October 1999 an amount of DM 36.322 Million has been utilised.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Do not arise.

White Paper on Narmada Bachao Andolan

1373. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govenment's attention has been drawn to the uprising building up amongst the people led by Narmada Bachao Andolan demanding a white paper on number of people displaced and expenditure incurred; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) No Sir, no such demand has been made by Narmada Bachao Andolan.

(b) Does not arise.

Permanent Solution for Inter-State Water Disputes

1374. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any mechanism has been worked out to solve the inter-State water disputes without making any ad-hoc arrangements so as to make a permanent solution for such disputes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) A Standing Committee to resolve issues connected with inter-State water disputes has been constituted in April, 1990 under the Chairmanship of Minister of Water Resources. Draft National Policy Guidelines for water allocation of inter-State rivers have also been prepared and these have been discussed by the National Water Board. These are required to be finally approved by the National Water Resources Council before these are circulated for guidance of all concerned. The Union Government makes all efforts to resolve the inter-State water disputes including water sharing among the States amicably through negotiations and mutual discussions. When efforts to resolve the water disputes through negotiations are not successful, the dispute is referred to the Tribunal under inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956.

Master Plan for Majuli Island of Assam

1375. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of flood and erosion control projects submitted by Government of Assam;

(b) the list of project sanctioned with financial outlays, implementation status and number of projects awaiting sanction during Ninth Five year Plan; and